

# ABAG CALFED Task Force

## Water Management Committee Minutes

Meeting – Friday, February 15, 2002

1. Support Letter for BARWRP – after discussion the group approved the text of letters to be sent from Mike Rippey/Greg Zlotnick on behalf of the task force to Patrick Wright (CALFED) and Celeste Cantu (DWR). See attached.
2. Committee Workplan. Mary Selkirk distributed copies of a proposed workplan for the next steps to be overseen by the committee. Representatives of water districts in attendance – Amy Fowler, Ellen Levin, Nicole Sandkulla – noted that the general managers of the “big 5” are now meeting and have begun a data collection effort. The group is called the Bay Area Water Agencies Coalition.  
Its mission is-is to collaborate on mutually agreed upon water planning activities. The newly formed coalition will be issuing a scope of work soon to carry out a review of conservation goals and activities and other water planning data among its member agencies. Amy Fowler said this work would probably be completed in the summer.

The group concurred that the ABAG-CALFED Task Force should not reinvent the wheel and should review the data collected by the GMs. Two main tasks will follow this effort

- Collecting and integrating data from North Bay water agencies
- Integrating ABAG’s land use data and population projections
- Framing the data in way that meets the needs of Task Force members

Local elected officials Ira Ruskin and Deena Mossar expressed enthusiasm about this action by the local water districts. They requested the opportunity to be briefed on what data sources will be used by this coalition effort. They also commented that the Task Force membership would want to evaluate whether the outcomes of this work effort are completely responsive to the kinds of information the Task Force is looking for.

Some members commented that one area of particular interest to local elected officials would be drought planning and emergency response planning from the regional perspective.

3. Data collection effort. Kearey Smith presented draft letter. Ira Ruskin proposed adding a direct statement to being the letter about what we are asking them for and why. The group discussed strategies as to how to get a large response to letter. Some agencies would be more inclined to respond if a presentation is made with letter. Nicole Sandkulla and Amy Fowler offered to deliver letters of request, under the signature of their respective utility’s leadership, to their respective members.

Vince Wong of Zone 7 confirmed with the Committee that ABAG would continue to pursue working on Task 3 of the January 25 original work plan: “Summarize ordinances measures or other relevant governance vehicles that relate land use decisions with water management policies in the Bay area in a way that is broadly accessible and useable.”